

Mr. MacSee

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Executive Offices,
Toronto, June 8th, 1927.

RE MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

Dr. Cody called to say that the Board of Governors of the University are considering favorably the advisability of establishing a school for physical training.

There is the sum of \$150,000. from the Massey Foundation which was earmarked for this purpose. The kind of building and equipment which they had in mind would cost about \$400,000. It had occurred to them that if those interested in the perpetuation of the Margaret Eaton School would see their way to putting up the building the Governors could set aside the Massey money as an Endowment Fund to be applied to helping along the work of the school. Or if \$400,000. were considered too large an amount it might be found feasible to erect the building in two parts, one part of which would be built with the Massey money and contain swimming pool and gymnasium, the other part would contain an assembly hall, class rooms, etc.

The University would see to it that pupils would receive a cultural education in Literature and History, and they would also favor considering including a class in vocal expression if so desired.

Physical Training for women will correspond to what is given in Hart House.

Both places would be put under the supervision of a director whose salary would be chargeable to a general fund of the University and not to either of these places.

There would be a properly qualified director, as at present in Hart House, and a Directress in the Margaret Eaton School.

The school would contain a small Assembly Hall which could be a rendezvous for women students.

Dr. Cody stressed the need for such a school in Toronto as there is none excepting the McGill College which gives diplomas which would be accepted by government schools.

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The Margaret Eaton School
TORONTO

June 1, 1932

W. Gordon Mills, Esq.
Executive Offices
T. Eaton Co., Ltd.
Toronto

Dear Mr. Mills:

We would like to give up the house on Dundonald Street on September the first. Another year there is out of the question.

We have not settled on any other place as yet but there are several in view and we should be able to get a larger one for the same price as we are paying for #39 Dundonald plus the annex next door.

Hoping this is satisfactory to you and with kindest regards,
I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mary G. Hamilton

Director

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The Margaret Eaton School
TORONTO

June 17, 1932

J.A.Livingston Esq.,
Executive Offices,
The T.Eaton Co.Ltd.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr.Livingston,-

We have taken the house for the students at 119 St.George Street, and I have signed for it in my own name as you advised.

I am so glad to have had that talk with you and to know just where I stand. Since the school is my responsibility however, I feel that I can hardly ask Mr.Eaton for the furnishings for the ground floor. At any rate we are going ahead to do the best we can by ourselves.

As far as affiliation is concerned, it is a good thing I did not realize the situation. You can understand that it is absolutely necessary to have your backing in such an undertaking, and I do not doubt for a moment that when our relations with the University require the advice of a Board, you will grant our request for one. Am I not right?

Yours sincerely,

Mary G. Hamilton

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June 22/32. In reply to this letter I telephoned Miss Hamilton and asked her to let me know when she was vacating 39 Dundonald St.

The Margaret Eaton School
TORONTO

September 15, 1932

R.Y.Eaton Esq.,
The T.Eaton Co.Ltd.,
Toronto 2, Ont.

Dear Mr.Eaton,-

You will know by this time that we, or rather I, have rented 119 St.George Street for a residence for the students. I was sorry to have to do it in your absence, but we had to make a move, and I hope that you approve.

Could you help us with the furnishing of the lower floor, and would you come to see the place, Mr.Eaton? If so, when? Mrs. Marriott is the new head and at present is running the Canadian Handcraft Shop at the College Street store. She has put a great deal of thought into the furnishing during the summer. We have bought practically nothing so far. I would like to know whether you feel you can help us and to what extent, before making further decisions.

We are very enthusiastic about the new house, but I do hope you will come in and see it for yourself.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mary G. Hanuttar.

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*we charged her \$100 a month
now Rented for \$80 month*

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Σ Mills going ahead with this idea Aug 21/33.
Reed & Vaughan July 5/33

Dec. 21/33

In regard to M. E. school, some arrangement has been made by which the ^{women} pupils at Victoria College are to take a course in Physical education, and that the work is to be done at the M E school.

This is the first time that any part of the University has even met ~~it~~ half way. If through this, the School can later be given recognition that would qualify its graduates to teach in Ont schools, it is the big step towards making the school a permanency.

However as the school is planned by Mrs J Eaton was broader in character inasmuch as it was primarily for Dramatic work & as Physical was a secondary consideration, a Physical school would not be a fitting memorial to her memory.

We now have an opportunity to see what could be done towards developing Dramatic instruction. We could make a start among our own employees. We have had a Woman instructor. One difficulty has been to get young men interested. The probable reason was in not having a male instructor. We could get a man instructor, & have him start a Dramatic training in his Club but have both boys & girls in it. If this shows success, he could then work up a few pupils from M E school & re establish the Dramatic end of it

There is no need to run Dramatic night become part of University Saturday afternoon course. This is a man would be carried over by Club

August 30th, 1933: Memorandum of instructions from Mr.R.Y.Eaton
in connection with the Margaret Eaton School:

Mr. Mills has arranged for a man to take charge
of the Dramatic Art as outlined in Mr.Eaton's note. His salary
will be in the neighbourhood of \$50. per week. This amount,
along with the cost of repairs and changes in the Margaret Eaton
School are to be charged to the Sir John C. Eaton Memorial Fund.

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The following is an extract from a letter to Mr. R.Y.Eaton from Mr.J.A.Livingstone and filed in 6/3. Feb. 7/34.

" In connection with the Margaret Eaton School, Mr. Mills got in touch with Mr. Fennell who would not give him any advice as to what should be done as he was acting for Miss Hamilton. However, we understand that Miss Layton paid the balance of the rent owing up to the end of January, presumably on Mr. Fennell's advice. The School will likely pay the full rent until Miss Hamilton returns, when she will have the responsibility to face.

In April, 1926, the name of the School was changed to "The Margaret Eaton School", and the last Annual Meeting was held December 23rd, 1925. The Board of Directors elected was:- Mrs. Eaton, Mrs.Burnside, Lady Eaton, Messrs. H.McGee, R.Y.Eaton, J.J.Vaughan, J. Elliott and C. Musgrave. In March, 1926, Mrs. J.A. Roberts took the place of Mr. Musgrave on the Board, and a few days later the Rev. Chancellor R.P. Bowles took Mr. Elliott's place on the Board; and that Board has not been changed since.

Adopting the new name "The Margaret Eaton School" did not make any change outside the name. It is still operating under the old Charter, but we have not held any Annual Meetings; and Miss Hamilton was told, a year or so ago, that she was working on her own and any profits she made belonged to her. Naturally, if she incurred any debts they were also hers. She wrote to us in June, 1932, stating that she had leased the house at 119 St. George St. for the purpose of accommodating the Margaret Eaton School residents and students at the University. Miss Hamilton also remarked at being glad that she knew where she stood, namely, that the School was now her responsibility.

Referring to your question, I spoke to Mr. Foulds and he was of the opinion that the present Board, not having resigned at that time and having allowed the school to continue, may have assumed some responsibility. If any trouble ever arose on account of debts, the Directors would not want to be in a position to have to admit of being on the Board and allowing this condition to occur, nor would they want to put themselves in the position of seemingly repudiating any debts incurred.

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Mr. Foulds could not say definitely that the Directors were not liable for any debts contracted but stated that the only way to make sure of the matter was to surrender the Charter and drop the name of the School. "

Re: MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

Professor DeLury called (as a Member of Committee for the purpose) to ask whether anyone connected with the Company, or the Company itself, would be sufficiently interested in perpetuating the "Margaret Eaton" name by providing a building for the University, in some way similar to Hart House but of smaller extent and for the use of women.

We told him that we had already been sympathetic with the idea, and that it could have been more easily dealt with while Mrs. Timothy Eaton herself was alive and in good health: that we were still sympathetic, but conditions had greatly changed in several respects - one of which being that the future in Retail is now so uncertain that we do not think it prudent to commit ourselves in any way.

Professor DeLury, however, volunteered certain information:-

- (1) That it was recognized that there was great need in the University for such a building;
- (2) That the University had no money for the purpose, nor could it secure money from the Govt.; and that it would be obliged to get money from private sources;
- (3) That if such a building were erected the cost of maintenance would be taken care of by a levy on students on the ground that it would be the duty of students to make use of the facilities provided in the building for Physical Culture;
- (4) That if no such building would be provided for the use of the whole University, some one or other of the Colleges would set about providing a small unit for their own use which would, in turn, lead to each College having its own unit; and that these small units would not be as beneficial to the women students as Hart House is to the men, which provides a communal life for all as well as providing much better facilities in the way of equipment than could possibly be given in small units;

april 23. Original given Mr Livingstone

(5) That the idea in mind was not affiliation as before but was rather in the nature of co-operation, which means that Margaret Eaton School students would receive instruction in other subjects as taught in the other Colleges, while students in the Colleges would receive in The Margaret Eaton School - Physical Culture, and if they desire it, lessons in Public Speaking, Deportment, etc.

It would not mean, however, that a graduate of the Margaret Eaton School would be immediately qualified to take a position as a teacher of Physical Culture. It would still be necessary to spend a year in The College of Education for the study of methods of teaching. It seems that this year's study has to be taken by the graduates of any College before being qualified to take a position as teacher.

Professor DeLury seemed to desire merely to know whether anyone here would be prepared to do anything immediately. If not, matters are likely to remain as they are in regard to this question for some time yet except it happens, as above noted, that one of the Colleges should decide to take action on its own behalf for its own students.



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